



City E-Currents

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Mayor's Corner

My fellow citizens:

As we approach the close of the City of Hopewell's 100th Year Anniversary Celebration (1916 - 2016). I am honored and proud to serve as your Mayor during this wonderful period in the City's history. I want to personally thank the City of Hopewell 100th Year Anniversary Committee for spearheading an awesome lineup of events and activities... beginning last December 2015 with the unveiling of the City's new 100th Year Anniversary Logo during our Light Up the Night celebration.

Other key events throughout the year included a Spiritual Celebration, a Fire Truck Parade, a Juneteenth Celebration, Butts on Broadway, Ride For Warriors, a Paddle Battle sponsored by Friends Of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR), a 100th Year Anniversary Proclamation Ceremony and concert featuring the famous Commodores performed at Festival Park and a wonderful Fireworks show to top it all off.

In addition, to a Hopewell Haunts and Fall Festival, City Point 5K Race, and still to come the City's Holiday Boat Parade and Light up the Night and the City Annual Parade & Tree Lighting celebration.

Hopewell is reinventing itself and has emerged as one of the top small cities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. During the past year, we have observed increased economic development activity to include hosting, casting, shooting and premiering of the movie "Imperium" starring Daniel Radcliffe and a Hollywood style Red Carpet.

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Brenda S. Pelham

City Manager

Citizens of Hopewell:

So long to year 100 which is a perfect time to reflect upon our achievements and to look forward to see what's more to be done and for sure there is always more to be done. We began last year with the formation of the City's 100th Year Anniversary Committee. In December of 2015 we unveiled the City's 100th Year Anniversary logo and started our centennial year 2016 with numerous events, activities and celebrations culminating this historic chapter in our City's history. I want to thank City council and committee members who labored so faithfully to highlight the many wonderful dimensions of our city to include all of our business partners, schools, faith-based community, social and civic organizations and so many others.

Our police, fire and sheriff's departments help to ensure that our residents and businesses are safe and secure. Even with increased call volume, our response times are good and total crime rates are in a decline thanks to innovative leadership, community policing, technology (such as body worn cameras), and the constant reevaluation and redevelopment of assets and resources. Keep a lookout for our two new firetrucks arriving soon which replace some very old equipment.

We are also continuing our Strategic Plan efforts as it relates to economic development and revitalizing downtown thanks to the allure of the Beacon and the efforts of City Council, EDA, Hopewell Downtown Partnership and a hearty group of committed downtown entrepreneurs.

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Mark A. Haley

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I want to thank each city and school employee and faculty, each business, social and civic organizations, volunteer organizations, industrial plants, partner agencies to include local, state and federal governments and especially to each and every citizen of Hopewell.

As we end this 100th Year celebration (Hopewell's Birthday), I thank God for each and every blessing He has and continues to bestow upon our City. I solicit all of our citizens... continue stay positive, promote our city and believe in our City.

When I returned to Hopewell after serving 12 years in the U.S. Army, I came to realize and believe that Hopewell is a wonderful historic riverfront community and I wanted to contribute to its continued vitality and improve the quality of life for all. This has been a good successful year for our City despite some challenges.

Nevertheless, we are on a sustainable path by improving the City's infrastructure, increased economic development activity, environmental stewardship, family services, education, public safety, City beautification efforts, employee development and retention and much more. I encourage all of our citizens to participate and support local government. On behalf of City Council and I, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and a safe and prosperous New Year in 2017.

Brenda S. Pelham
Mayor

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The Council approved Strategic Plan also includes city beautification initiatives and one of the bigger projects ever undertaken by the City will be revitalization of the City's Gateways. Two years ago the Cameron Foundation initiated gateway improvement plans (at their expense) for all of the localities they now serve including Hopewell. Their bold plan is to assist the localities by providing greatly enhanced gateways including installation of public art that will uplift community spirit, resident's self-esteem, civic pride and even spur economic development. Hopewell budgeted and approved \$600,000 toward gateways (as a Strategic Plan Project) and this is now being matched by the Cameron Foundation. The Foundation's match includes a large and unique piece of public art valued as a \$450,000 GIFT to the City including landscape design services. Local residents, the Cameron Board and professional art curators all participated in the artist selection process and thus the big 'H' will in Fall 2017 greet visitors and residents alike as you enter Hopewell from Chesterfield Co. on Rt. 10. The 51 foot sculpture is intended to stand as a tribute to our industrial past and future as it welcomes you to Hopewell. Its location will augment the Marina, the new Boathouse Restaurant and the river walk project. This will be one of the most unique and largest pieces of public art in Virginia. Again, the public art component of the gateway project is a NO cost



Military Retirees Appreciation Banquet and Ball



MG Darrell Williams, Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee Commanding General, Mayor Brenda Pelham, City of Hopewell and his wife Myra Williams at the October 2016 Fort Lee Military Retirees Appreciation Banquet and Ball.

item to Hopewell citizens. Visit our web-site to see an animated view of the big 'H' concept.

Fall always brings the challenges of keeping the City clean and getting all the leaves up to keep stormwater freely flowing. The City of Hopewell's Public Works Department provides leaf disposal options for residents. City crews will collect leaves from the residential side of drainage ditches and curbs that are accessible to collection vehicles. A normal collection fee is charged and seniors get a significant break. Residents may use leaf collection services up to three times each year during the months of November, December and January. For additional details see more on page 8, Leaf Disposal options. Please contact our Public Works Department at (804) 541-2294 or visit our web-site www.hopewellva.gov

As the winter season approaches, please be aware of the many hazards involved with snow. Pushing a heavy snow blower can cause injury, and be mindful of how cold weather affects the human body. Cold weather can increase heart rate and blood pressure. It can make blood clot more easily and constrict arteries, which decreases blood supply. Individuals over the age of 40 or who are relatively inactive should be particularly careful.

Please do not shovel snow or rake leaves and other debris into the drainage system. When you are shoveling snow, don't create huge piles along the edge of your driveway in the direction that the plow will be coming from or the snow you just shoveled will get plowed right back into the driveway. Instead, heave each snow shovel-full a decent distance away from your driveway apron that way the plow won't leave as much to be removed.

Lastly, why not consider a unique gift of entertainment for your holiday shopping. A gift of tickets to a performance at the Beacon Theatre is very special and supports this wonderful community asset.

I want to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays and a safe and prosperous New Year!

Mark Haley

City Point 5k “Most Spirited Award. The “Blues Brothers”

Congratulations to our team for once again winning the “Most Spirited” Award. The “Blues Brothers” include Darlene Loving, Patrice Call, Dorothy Gerard, Michelle Ingram, Aimee Francoeur, and Councilor Jackie Shornak. A BIG thank you to Darlene for sharing her creativity. I am confident she is already planning for next year’s event!



Include from L-R Councilor Jackie Shornak, Patrice Call, Dr. Cliff Morris, M.D., Darlene Loving, Dorothy Gerard and Michelle Ingram.

Costume Contest Winners, held at the Employee Luncheon

Winners of the 1st luncheon are as follows:

1st place	Imari Carter	Snow White
2nd place	Dorothy Gerard	The Red Queen
3rd place	Debbie Reason	Tinkerbell
4th place	Jessica Krack	Flo from Progressive
5th place	Tom Gates	Duck Dynasty
6th place	Chastine Brown	Mime

Winners of the 2nd luncheon are as follows:

1st place	Chris Teasley	Pumpkin
2nd place	Jennifer Rexroad	Finding Dory
3rd place	Linda Howard	Pirate
4th place	Aimee Francoeur	Storm Trooper
5th place	Felicia Herring-Jones	Bubble Gum Machine
6th place	Wanda Brown	Devil



Mayor Brenda S. Pelham and Vice Mayor Christina J. Luman-Bailey presents a proclamation to Mr. Herndon Smith's widow.



Mayor Brenda S. Pelham presents a proclamation to Rev. Dr. Rudolph Dunbar outgoing Chair of Hopewell Planning Commission.



Planning Commission members from left to right: Elliot Eliades, Vice Chairman, Cassandra Vanderkeift, Rev. Dr. Rudolph Dunbar, former Chairman, Johnny Jones, and Todd Butterworth.



Mayor Brenda S. Pelham, City of Hopewell and LTG Gwen Bingham, Keynote Speaker at the October 2016 Fort Lee Military Retirees Appreciation Banquet and Ball.



Mayor Brenda S. Pelham issues a proclamation to members of the James House. Pictured left to right: Lili Quintana, Jane Clayborne, Mayor Breda S. Pelham and Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager, Aaran Kelley, Erica Blackwood, and Jennyfer Viera.

Local Public Housing Authority Executive Director Receives National Certification



Steven A. Benham, Sr.

On July 25, 2016, Steven A. Benham, Sr., Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority, received certification as a Housing Development Finance Professional (HDFP) from the National Development Council (NDC). HDFP Certification is a professional credential given to individuals who successfully complete NDC's intensive housing development finance training series. The training provides individuals working in the field of housing development with instruction in single-family home ownership finance, multi-family housing development finance, housing development finance including problem solving and deal structuring, and the creation and implementation of development programs.

The four HDFP Certification Program courses range from three to five days in length and conclude with an exam. Upon successful completion of all four courses, the candidate is awarded HDFP Certification.

The National Development

Council was established in 1969 and is a non-profit organization specializing in economic and housing development training and technical assistance for community development. NDC has provided training to over 60,000 professionals working in the fields of economic and housing development. Participants come from diverse backgrounds including city and state governments, public agencies, community-based organizations, professional organizations and banks.

Steven became the Executive Director of the Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA) on July 10, 2009. He has a B.S. degree in biology from the University of Georgia and a MBA degree from Strayer University. His Public and Assisted Housing career began with his selection as part of an inaugural class of 50 military persons trained in the various housing management skills. The program was titled LEAP, Leadership Employment for Armed Forces

Personnel. LEAP was funded by the Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with HUD and the US Justice Department.

Steve is married to Linda for the past 39 years. They have two sons, Steven Jr. and Corey and two daughters-in-law, Krystyn and Kimothy. On July 7, 2013, he became a grandfather with the addition of Brayden from Corey and Kimothy.

Steve is a former Army officer, promoted to the rank of Major, served in Desert Storm and received the Bronze Star medal. He is a deacon at The Church of God at Richmond, a member of the Hopewell Rotary club, on the boards of the United Way of Hopewell and Prince George County and the Hopewell/Prince George Healthy Families agency, and a member and past trustee of the Historic Hopewell Foundation. He enjoys the various opportunities afforded him to help others through his affiliations.



John
Randolph
Foundation

HCPS Receives Grant to Support After-School Programs and Enrichment

Hopewell City Public Schools, in partnership with the John Randolph Foundation, are pleased to announce the award of the 21st Century Grant. This grant, from the Virginia Department of Education, will help support after-school enrichment opportunities for the children of Hopewell.

Two schools in the division will be the recipients of the grant, Patrick Copeland Elementary School and Carter G. Woodson Middle School with Patrick Copeland receiving \$162,835 and Carter G. Woodson receiving \$163,797. The grants will be renewable for two years, making the total of the grant close to \$1 million.

John Randolph Foundation served as a co-applicant for the 21st Century Grant, led by former Youth Network Officer, Yawandale Birchett-Thompson. Though she no longer serves with the Foundation, Birchett-Thompson shared in the excitement of the grant and the impact it will have, not only in the schools, but throughout the entire community.

"This award is a thrilling victory for the City of Hopewell and the John Randolph Foundation. I couldn't be happier about the expansive opportunities the travel, after-school programming, and academic enrichment the 21st Century grant will bring to some of Hopewell's students and families, as well as the bonding partnership this award creates for all of the agencies that will

be bringing community-based programming to each receiving school," she said in a statement.

Dr. Kim Evans, Assistant Superintendent of Hopewell City Public Schools, said the grant gives the school division more opportunities to provide deeper learning for students through tutoring and mentoring programs to increase our student's knowledge base. Parents are invited to share in this grant as well.

"We are excited about this opportunity to provide extended learning for our students at Carter G. Woodson and Patrick Copeland. We will partner with several community agencies to provide fun and engaging learning opportunities for our students as we close academic gaps," she said. "We will also invite parents to come in to learn how to extend the learning into their homes."

This grant represents the vision of the leadership at Hopewell City Schools of focusing on youth development, a vision brought forth by the John Randolph Foundation, which has served the city of Hopewell for over 20 years. The Foundation is a community-based non-profit organization focusing on the healthy well-being of its residents and youth through financial investment, health and wellness based grants, and partnerships with many community agencies. "We are thankful to the John Randolph Foundation for their assistance in obtaining these grants," Dr. Evans said.

Both Patrick Copeland and Carter G. Woodson Middle School will be working closely with several community agencies in the city, such as the Appomattox Regional Library, the Hopewell Manufacturers Association and the YMCA of Greater Richmond. Though the grant has just been announced, plans are already in the works for its implementation.

Carter G. Woodson Middle School will be home to the Community Learning Center, which will be hosted on-site during the school year on Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Patrick Copeland Elementary will also host a Community Learning Center, which will be open during the school year on Mondays through Thursdays from 2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Both programs will provide snacks through the federal USDA food program and transportation will be provided at the end of the program.

The new learning center programs will give students in Hopewell the chance to further their academics careers as well as prepare for higher education or vocational training once they graduate from the school system. The grant also allows for students to break away from the large classroom setting and receive more project-based learning opportunities in a concentrated environment.

Hopewell Water Renewal Announces a New Business Manager and a New Look

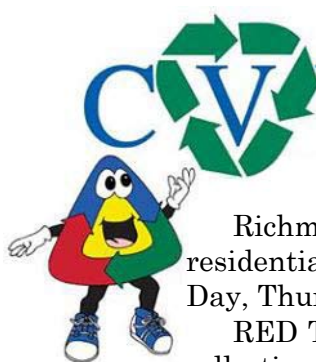


Congratulations to Shayna Johnson on her promotion from Hopewell Water Renewal's Purchasing Agent to our new Business Manager. With Shayna's masters degree in business, she has been a tremendous asset to the facility since she began in 2004. She began as our Executive Assistant, was promoted to purchasing agent, and now to Business Manager. Her dedication, cool head, positive attitude, and winning smile make her a delight to work with. Her promotion to business manager is well deserved because she always goes the extra mile making sure that details are not overlooked and project timelines are met. We are proud to have her on our team.

Our new name is finally visible with our new sign. On July 1, 2016, Hopewell Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility's name changed to Hopewell Water Renewal. It has taken until October to have our entrance sign refurbished with the name change.

With the new nitrogen reduction treatment project starting up in early 2017, the new name and sign is very appropriate and just in the nick of time. Our dedicated staff is very proud of our new name and what we do to improve the health of our community and the environment.





Thanksgiving Day Holiday to Delay Some

CVWMA COLLECTIONS

Richmond, VA- Thursday and Friday CVWMA residential recycling and residential trash collections will be delayed one day in observance of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24. There will be no collections on Thanksgiving Day.

RED Thursday and RED Friday recyclers will have a one day delay in recycling collection service due to the holiday. Friday collections will take place on Saturday.

Trash collection in the City of Petersburg will occur on the day following your normal scheduled day. Friday collections will take place on Saturday.

Stay Connected with CVWMA. For additional information about CVWMA programs, please call CVWMA at (804)340-0900 for recycling or (804) 425-0500 for trash collection or visit www.cvwma.com, CVWMA on Facebook, CVWMA on Twitter, and CVWMA on Instagram.

LEAF DISPOSAL OPTIONS

The City of Hopewell provides residents the following leaf disposal options:

Leaf Vacuuming – City crews will collect leaves from the residence side of drainage ditches and curbs that are accessible to collection vehicles. A nominal collection fee is charged.

- (1) Residents may use leaf collection services up to three times each year during the months of November, December, and January.
- (2) Service charges are:

	<i>Seniors (62 and over) or Handicapped</i>	<i>Other Residents</i>
1st Pickup	No cost	\$10.25
2nd & 3rd Pickups	\$5.25	\$20.50

- (3) Call 541-2294 to schedule a pickup. Payments must be received before service is provided. Payments can be made at either:

Office Location	Mailing Address
103 S. Hopewell Street Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Department of Public Works Attention: Leaf Collection Program 300 N. Main Street Hopewell, VA 23860
When paying by mail please include name, address, day time telephone number, documents showing age or handicap status, if appropriate, and the appropriate service fee. Do not send cash. Customers will be contacted to schedule a pickup date. Receipts showing the pickup date will be returned by mail.	

- (4) Senior's and handicapped individuals who previously registered for Leaf Vacuuming services should call 541-2294 to schedule appointments. All others will need to provide documentation of age or handicap when scheduling appointments.
- (5) Leaves must be adjacent to the street and accessible to City crews. They may not be placed inside fences, ditch lines, gutters, unopened or unserviceable, alleys, or in the street. Do not mix limbs and other debris with leaves. Violators may be cited.
- (6) Leaf vacuuming appointments should be scheduled before leaves are raked to minimize scattering potential.
- (7) Five service areas have been established to provide equitable coverage throughout the city.

Residential Refuse Collection - Container First Services will pickup bagged leaves as part of normal refuse collection services. Bags must be strong enough to contain the contents without spilling when handled by refuse collection workers. The total number of bags disposed of each week may not exceed a normal pickup truck load. (8' x 4' x 4') There is no additional charge for this service.

Citizen's Convenience Center – Residents may dispose of leaves and other yard waste at no cost. Operating hours are 12:30 to 3:30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and 8:00 to 4:30 on Saturdays.

Community Gathers for Future of Schools

By HCPS ADMINISTRATION

A group of almost 40 individuals met for three days on October 18, 19, and 20, to kick-off a formal strategic planning process for Hopewell City Public Schools. Made up of school personnel, students, parents, City officials, business leaders, local pastors, higher education representatives and concerned citizens, the group committed to three days of intensive work, designed with one goal in mind--engaging the Hopewell community in long-term planning to ensure the success and well-being of every single child served by the school system.

Led by Dr. Wayne Harris and Dr. Kevin Castner of Cambridge Strategies, the overall focus was on "dreaming what the community wants for their own children...and all of the children of Hopewell." Facilitators described the key components of the process to include: continuous creation, strategic abandonment, broad based participation, bold aspirations for the organization, developing common values, maintaining a student focus with consistent direction and synchronized action. Advised to "Think big...be bold," the energy and enthusiasm for envisioning the future of the City's children was very evident by this focused and determined group of citizens dedicated to improving their local school system.

Dr. Melody Hackney, Superintendent of Schools said, "What a blessing this process has already been! I am so grateful for the investment of our school board and community in this critical opportunity designed to help us focus our leadership and work into the future for our kids." Hopewell is very dedicated to its children and school district, and it has been a joy to begin these conversations with key stakeholders in our great little City so full of potential! I can't wait to watch the work and results unfold!"



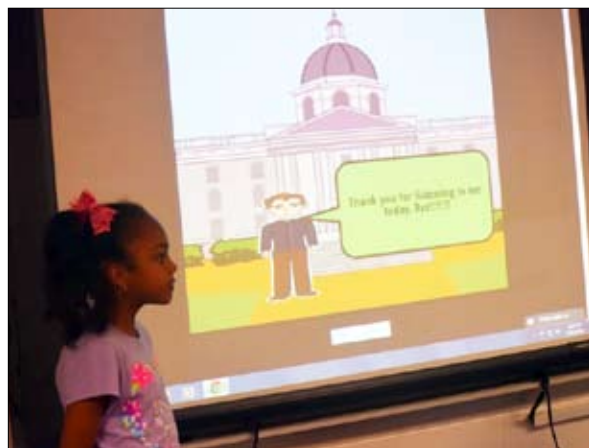
Exhibition Night at Patrick Copeland

By CAITLIN DAVIS, HCPS MEDIA SPECIALIST

Students at Patrick Copeland Elementary showcased the products of their hard work and dedication since the start of school at Exhibition Night on September 28.

The exhibition is a chance for students to have their projects on display for parents, teachers, principals, and Administrators. The students are given the chance to not only present their projects but to answer questions from those in attendance about their work.

This was the division's first school-wide exhibition and it was a peek inside what teachers and Administrators are striving towards, project-based learning.



Projects at the exhibition ranged from one on the different regions of the United States, to community heroes, and the importance of a vote in an election.

Dr. Melody Hackney, Superintendent, Dr. Kim Evans, Assistant Superintendent, and Burlin Gregory, Director of Innovation, went to the classrooms took pictures and asked the students questions about their presentations. Other School Administrators stopped by such as Principal of Dupont Elementary, Carla Fizer, Assistant Principal of Dupont, Patricia Lobo, and Assistant Principal of Carter Woodson, Jeffery Boarman.

We want to thank all the students for their hard work and to all those who came to this event.

Guest Teach Students About the Power of a Vote

By CAITLIN DAVIS, HCPS MEDIA SPECIALIST

Delegate Riley Ingram, School Board Vice-Chairwoman Linda Hyslop, Superintendent Dr. Melody Hackney, and Lawyer Peter Eliades paid a visit to Mrs. Cheryl Williams' class at Patrick Copeland Elementary on September 20.

They were invited by the students to come speak on the importance of a vote. Students researched questions to ask and led the discussion in break-out sessions with each guest. Students asked questions such as, "why can adults vote but children cannot," and "why does my vote count in an election?" This class displayed an example of the concept Hopewell Schools are working to bring to life, project-based learning. This new approach to teaching gives students real-world examples of their textbook lessons and showcases a more hands-on experience in the classroom. We are proud of the students and Mrs. Williams for their display of excellence and we want to thank our special guests for coming to speak with our students.



Hopewell Schools Receive \$500,000 to Strengthen Leadership

By CAITLIN DAVIS, HCPS MEDIA SPECIALIST

Hopewell City Public Schools is pleased to announce that, in partnership with Virginia State University and Henrico and Sussex County Public Schools, they have received a three-year grant from the New York based Wallace Foundation, which is aimed at improving the preparation program for aspiring school leaders.

Dr. Kim Evans, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, formally announced the grant at the October 13th School Board meeting. Dr. Evans stated that during the first year of the grant, Hopewell will receive a little over \$500,000 to improve principal leadership.

"We have worked very closely with the partnering divisions and Virginia State University to revamp what the principal preparation track will look like for administrators to ensure that they are better prepared to lead in challenging school divisions," Dr. Evans said.

Virginia State University was one of seven universities, and the only one in Virginia, to be chosen by the foundation to receive assistance on redesigning its programming for future leaders in area schools. The seven universities that were chosen, Albany State University, Florida Atlantic University, North Carolina State University, San Diego State University, the University of Connecticut, and Western Kentucky University, will receive funding to aide in a review of courses which relate to university-based principal training.

The initiative of the foundation desires to address a growing concern that university programs across the country have not met the increasing demands of principalship.

According to a recent Wallace commissioned study, "Improving University Principal Preparation Programs: Five Themes from the Field, 80 percent of district superintendents are dissatisfied with the quality of principal preparation program, and many universities also believe their programs have room for improvement.

Dr. Evans has experienced this need first hand, recalling her years spent preparing for her Master's Degree. Immediately recognizing the need for a change, she expressed excitement for not only current principals but leaders who have been with the division for years.

The importance of this grant, Dr. Evans said, is to strengthen the leadership in Hopewell Schools. The leaders in each school have a valuable role not only in the support of teachers but in the success of each student, she added.

"Research shows next to a classroom teacher the most important factor in student success is the leadership in the building," Dr. Evans said. "We know that everything rises and falls on leadership so we are excited about this opportunity to improve our student success by improving our leadership in the division."

Independent researchers are expected to release two reports on the Wallace Foundation's University Preparation Program Initiative; which was built upon 15 years of Wallace-supported research and experience about the makings of an effective principal. The first report is expected in 2018 or 2019 and it will analyze the early implementations of this program at the selected universities. The final report, which is not expected until 2021, will evaluate whether the universities successfully redesigned their programs.



WESTWOOD PARK PROJECT

Volunteers from AdvanSix (formerly Honeywell) and Rebuilding Together-Richmond teamed up with staff from Hopewell Recreation and Parks to beautify Westwood Park. The neighborhood park is a popular destination for children, families, dog walkers and youth baseball participants. The park offers a play area with a climbing structure and swings, a baseball field, tennis court, open space, and picnic tables. The project included the installation of a variety of shrubbery and trees, surrounded by mulch beds and

flowers. The volunteers also assisted with building and installing four new picnic tables at the park site. Volunteers from AdvanSix are not strangers to improving the parks in Hopewell. They assisted with a large landscaping project at Atwater Park and Soccer Complex last fall, which included the installation of mulch beds and a new walkway near the concession building. The Department of Recreation and Parks is very appreciative of the volunteerism demonstrated by the dedicated employees of AdvanSix and staff from Rebuilding Together-Richmond. Manager of Facilities and Maintenance for the Recreation Department, Tom Gates, said “we simply wouldn’t be able to improve our parks without the help from these volunteers.” The department is working with Rebuilding Together-Richmond on additional park improvements throughout the city, with the next project scheduled to take place at Arlington Park.

Holiday Boat Parade



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, December 3-Holiday Boat Parade

Sunday, December 4-Light Up the Night

(parade, tree lighting, and holiday concert)

Please visit www.hopewellva.gov/special-events for more information.



HOPEWELL COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

The Department of Recreation and Parks has begun a variety of improvements scheduled to take place at the Hopewell Community Center. Visitors and passersby may have noticed exterior work at the main entrance of the building. Improvements are being completed in an effort to increase safety and accessibility for customers and visitors. The project is being completed by staff from the Public Works Department. Additional improvements scheduled to take place in the near future include repaving of the main parking area and drop-off loop, as well as complete resurfacing of the pool deck. Both future projects are part of the department’s

fiscal year 2017 capital improvement plan and are slated to be completed by the end of the year. The projects will impact facility guests and the department asks for your patience as improvements are completed.



Hopewell Recreation and Parks Receives Best New Program Award

HOPEWELL, VA. Over 500 delegates from around the state gathered last week at the 62nd Annual Conference of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society held at the Hotel Roanoke Convention Center. The conference is a learning exchange and provides an opportunity for recreation and park professionals to discuss areas of common interest.

Highlighting each year's conference is a formal presentation of awards. This state-wide program honors individuals, departments and organizations throughout Virginia who have demonstrated excellence in any of several areas during the previous year. 101 applications were received vying for awards in 14 different categories. Judged by a jury of its peers, Hopewell Recreation and Parks, was selected as the Best New Program Award.



Population 25,000 and Under: Heroes Camp

Heroes Camp is a weeklong day camp program which unites children ages 6-13 with public safety officials, first responders and military personnel for a glimpse into each career field. Participants enjoyed a variety of activities including extinguishing a fire with a water hose, kids vs. cops dodgeball, and rides in a military utility vehicle just to name a few. The camp featured a variety of field trips which included the Hopewell Court House, Fort Lee Military Reservation, and Hopewell Fire Station 1. The camp was offered for the first time in 2015 as part of a complete overhaul of the department's summer camp offerings. The program was made possible with the participation of the Hopewell Fire Department, Hopewell Police Department, Hopewell Sheriff's Department and Fort Lee Military Reservation. The popular camp will be offered again in the summer of 2017.

"We are honored and humbled to receive this award for what we believe is a very

special program," said Aaron Reidmiller, director of Recreation and Parks for the City of Hopewell. "We would not have been able to offer this unique camp opportunity without the full support of our partner agencies and the dedication of our summer camp staff."

The mission of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society is to unite all professionals, students, and interested lay persons engaged in the field of recreation, parks, and other leisure services in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For more information on the Society contact the state office at 804/730-9447 or visit them on the web at www.vrps.com.

The Hopewell Recreation and Parks Department offers a variety of recreational opportunities designed to improve the overall health and wellbeing of the community. Through dedicated services and resource management, the department provides a healthy, friendly and safe environment for the citizens of Hopewell.

EVENTS

Light up the Night



HOPEWELL'S ANNUAL PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 4. 3:30-8 p.m. Ashford Civic Plaza. Free and open to the public.

For all ages. Enjoy an evening filled with holiday cheer and festivities! Once again, the Hopewell Jaycees, Hopewell Recreation and Parks, the Beacon Theatre and the Hopewell Downtown Partnership have come together to truly Light Up the Night and get everyone in the Christmas spirit!

Parade

The parade will begin at Cavalier Square shopping center, following 15th Avenue and City Point Road to downtown Hopewell, where it will end at the Ashford Civic Plaza. The parade will begin at 3:30 p.m. and end at approximately 5:30 p.m. Primary viewing locations are the Hopewell Community Center and Ashford Civic Plaza. Parade applications will be available at the Hopewell Community Center or at www.hopewellva.gov/special-events.

Tree Lighting

The tree lighting ceremony will feature entertainment and will begin at approximately 6 p.m. or immediately following the parade. The tree lighting will be held at the Ashford Civic Plaza and will kick off a variety of activities throughout the downtown area - including horse and carriage rides!

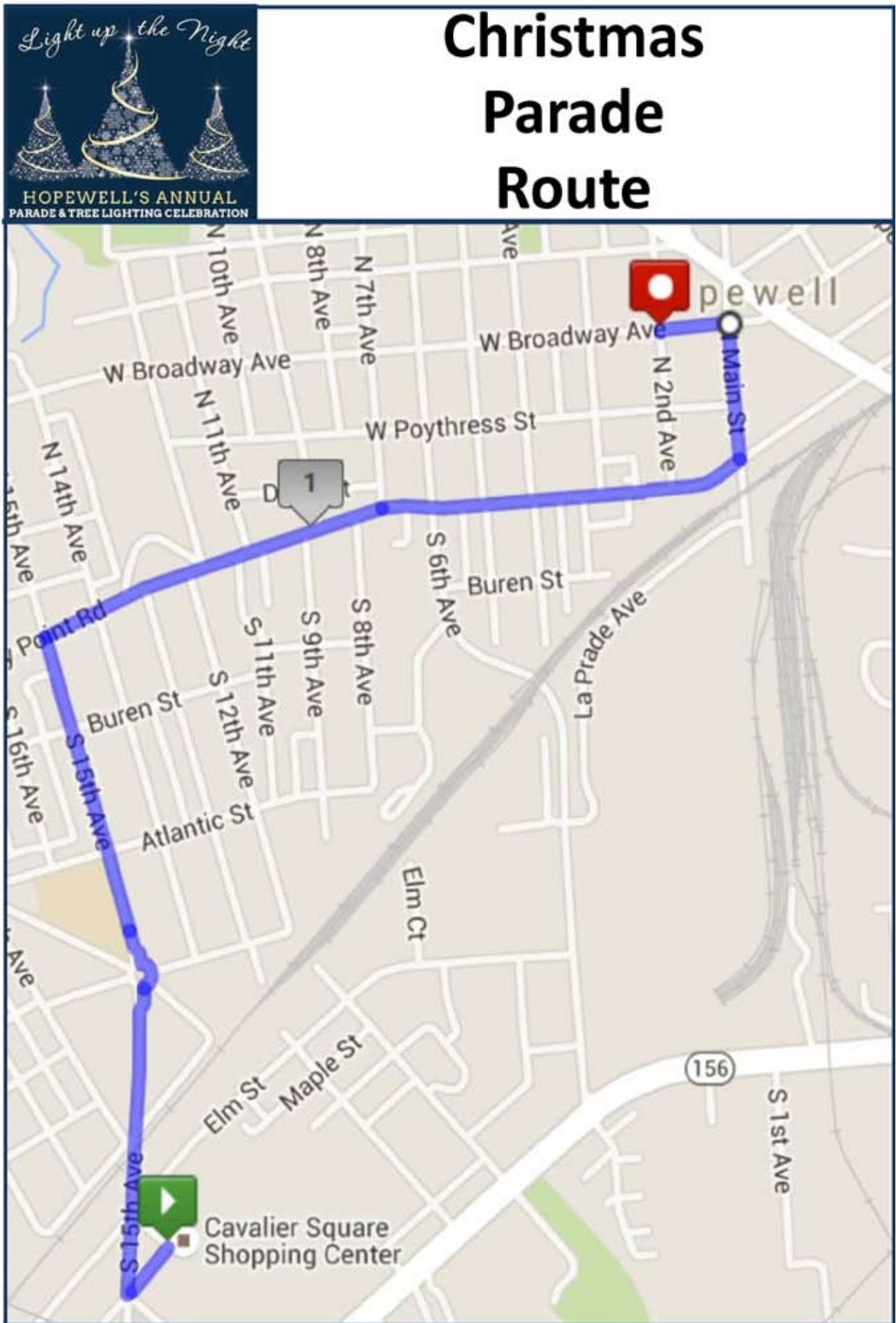
Concert at the Beacon Theatre

Local school groups will perform at the Beacon Theatre beginning at 6:30 p.m. Different groups will perform throughout the evening until 8 p.m. There will be a special area for children to meet Santa Claus. The shows are free and open to the public. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Need more information?

(804) 541-2353

customerservice@hopewellva.gov





The Beacon Theatre Schedule

<http://thebeacontheatreva.com/schedule-2/>

Call (804) 446-3457 or myticketstobuy.com

- **HAROLD MELVIN'S BLUENOTES**

Date: Saturday, November 26, 2016

- **LITA FORD**

Date: Friday, December 2, 2016

- **LEZ ZEPPELIN**

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2016

- **THE SPINNERS**

Date: Thursday, December 29, 2016

- **THE DEL MCCOURY BAND**

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017

- **LOVE AND THEFT**

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017

- **THE K.O.D.E. REUNION WITH AUDIOVAULT**

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017

- **TRAVIS TRITT**

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

- **COLLIN RAYE**

Date: Friday, February 10, 2017

- **THE BLACK LILLIES**

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2017

- **FIREHOUSE WITH SPECIAL GUEST TEAZE**

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017

- **AN EVENING WITH 1964 THE TRIBUTE**

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2017

- **RONNIE MCDOWELL**

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2017

- **GET THE LEAD OUT**

Date: Saturday, April 1, 2017

- **THE OUTLAWS**

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2017



- **A MORNING WITH JACK HANNA**

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2017

- **THE JIMMY DEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL
FEATURING LORETTA LYNN**

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 -

THIS SHOW IS SOLD OUT.

- **BLUE OYSTER CULT**

Date: Friday, June 2, 2017

SHELTER IN PLACE (SIP)

DURING A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY



What is SIP?

"Shelter In Place" (SIP) is one of the basic instructions you may receive from public safety officials during a chemical emergency in your community. Sheltering in place offers you, your family, and/or employee's/coworkers immediate protection for a short time in your home/business.

If you are told to shelter in place, bring everyone indoors immediately (don't forget your pets!). While gathering your family/employees, you can provide a minimal amount of breathing protection by covering your mouth and nose with a damp cloth.

A chemical emergency may occur anywhere hazardous materials are manufactured, stored, or transported. Chemical plants are obvious sources of potential accidents, but less obvious are highways, railways, and even storage containers at places such as swimming pools (chlorine), etc.

The following general information is a guide on how you should act before, during and after an emergency.

The situation in your area may involve unique circumstances. It is imperative that you follow the instructions of your local officials explicitly in the event of a SIP emergency. Contact the Hopewell Fire Department for more details (contact information on the back).



What do I do?

When you are instructed to shelter in place due to a chemical emergency, you should follow these simple procedures:

1. **Go inside to the "Shelter Room".**
2. **Close, lock, and cover all openings, doors, and windows.**
3. **Turn off air-conditioning and heating systems.**
4. **Tune to local radio and TV for more information.**



What do I need?

A SIP SUPPLY KIT should include the following items:

- ✓ A copy of this brochure and other emergency numbers.
- ✓ First Aid kit.
- ✓ Battery operated AM/FM radio and/or TV.
- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries.
- ✓ Bath-size towels (For wetting and placing at the bottom of doors).
- ✓ Wide tape (i.e. duct tape).
- ✓ Plastic sheeting (i.e., drop cloth, window plastic, etc.). Should be pre-cut to the size of the openings that need to be closed off in your shelter room.
- ✓ Enough Snacks and bottled water for everyone.
- ✓ Card or other simple games to pass the time.

Store your kit in a convenient and secure location known to all family members. Stored water and food should be replaced every six months. Re-evaluate your kit and family/business needs at least once a year and replace batteries, etc.

How do I prepare?

- **IDENTIFY** ahead of time all the openings in your home/business that will need to be closed in the event of a SIP emergency (windows, doors, fireplace dampers, etc.)
- **DETERMINE** how to quickly shut off all air moving equipment in your home/business to include: heating, air conditioning, exhaust fans, etc.
- Choose a room in your home/business to serve as a "Shelter Room". This should be on the highest level of your structure with minimal doors and windows, and enough room to accommodate everyone in your home/business.
- **ASSEMBLE** a SIP kit with the items listed in above, and store it in your "shelter room". Pre-cut the plastic sheeting to cover windows, air vents and other openings in your "Shelter Room" and label accordingly.
- **SIGN-UP** for the City's CodeRED emergency telephone notification system to ensure you will receive SIP messages. You can do so by going to the City's website at: www.hopewellva.gov and clicking on the CodeRED icon, or by calling the Fire Department at: 804-541-2288.



Practice Your SIP Skills!

Hopewell Fire & Rescue, in cooperation with the Hopewell Local Emergency Planning Committee (or LEPC) is conducting a Citywide Shelter-In-Place drill to give everyone the opportunity to practice this important skill. Everyone, including residents, business, etc. are encouraged to participate.



When?

Wednesday December 7th, 2016

Where?

Your Home/Place of Business

How?

The City will send out a CodeRED Message at approximately 11:00 AM instructing everyone to practice SIP!

How Do I participate?

1. Sign up for CodeRED
2. Review this information
3. Practice on December 7th.

Questions?

Hopewell Fire & Rescue
200 South Hopewell St.
Hopewell, VA 23860
Phone: 804-541-2288





NFPA SAFETY TIPS

Thanksgiving Safety



For most, the kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. From testing family recipes to decorating cakes and cookies, everyone enjoys being part of the preparations. So keeping fire safety top of mind in the kitchen during this joyous but hectic time is important, especially when there's a lot of activity and people at home. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, remember, by following a few simple safety tips you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.

THANKSGIVING BY THE NUMBERS

- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.
- In 2014, nearly four times as many home cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving as on a typical day.
- In 2014, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,730 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving, the peak day for such fires.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.
- Cooking equipment was involved in almost half (48%) of all reported home fires and civilian and tied with heating equipment for the second leading cause of home fire deaths.

Source: NFPA's Fire Analysis & Research Division

SAFETY TIPS

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

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